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> INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER PATENT RULES 97 AND 98

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Applicants submit this information disclosure statement pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98.

This application has not received a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, this information disclosure statement is being filed under 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), i.e., before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98, a list of patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the PTO is provided on annexed Form PTO-1449. A legible copy of each item of information listed on the Form is submitted herewith. Also submitted is a copy of the foreign Search Report which cited each item of information.

As to each item of information, if any, which is not in the English language, a concise explanation of the relevance thereof pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) is given in the Search Report which cited the information.

Consideration of this information disclosure statement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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